

BOARD MINUTES

RANDOLPH COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Asheboro, North Carolina

May 9, 2005

Supervisors Present:

Craig Frazier, Chairman
William Alston, V. Chairman
Richard Canoy, Secretary
Amy Hughes, Treasurer
Shaun Hayes, Member

Others Present:

Danielle Thomas, Soil Con.
Jenny Parks, Adm. Sec.
Kelly Whitaker, S&W Engineer
Bob Abell, Soil Con. Tech.

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 a.m. Frazier welcomed everyone to the meeting. Travel vouchers were signed and returned.

ACTION ITEMS:

The April 11, 2005 Minutes were reviewed and corrections were made. Canoy moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of April 11, 2005.

It was noted that the date of the meeting on the Agenda was incorrect. It reads "May 4, 2005", but should read "May 9, 2005".

Hughes presented the Treasurer's Report. Canoy moved, seconded by Hayes, the board voted unanimously to accept the Treasurer's Report. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Thomas gave the NRCS Report as follows:

-Nine EQIP Contracts have been funded and they could possibly be more funded from Randolph County – the totals were sent in Friday on four more contracts.

Alston gave the RC&D Report as follows:

-The RC&D State Meeting will be held in Blowing Rock, NC in August. The registration will be \$90 for 3 days. Information will be sent out at a later date.

Whitaker gave the NCACSP Report as follows:

-Six NCACSP Contracts will expire in June 2005. They are: David Cheek, Ken Cox, Frank Macon, Bernard Beck, David Coble, and Wilbert Hancock.

-Whitaker presented the board with a list of Spot Checks to complete this year. Discussion was had as to how the spot checks will be divided.

Whitaker gave the Community Conservation Report as follows:

-The District sold three rain barrels at the sale in April. Another rain barrel sale attempt will be made later on in the summer. It was suggested to contact Cooperative Extension next spring regarding the Garden Fest that they host – the District could set up a booth and actually sell the rain barrels there or advertise for deposits.

-The Environmental Enhancement Program Grant has been submitted and it will be late summer before anything will be heard from it.

-Farmland Preservation – The NC Foundation for SWCD funding – The District will be able to apply for transactional cost associated with closing a conservation easement through Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program. There is a \$6,000 maximum and no set deadline.

-Whitaker reported that she is seeking grants for the District to possibly acquire a Hybrid vehicle, two grants may be available. They are Mobile Source Emissions Reduction Grants offered through NCDENR – Division of Air Quality (project qualifies, but not taking applications until October 2005); and the North Carolina Alternative Fuel Vehicles Incentive (will know in July if Hybrids are eligible). More information will follow as it becomes available.

-Whitaker reported that she will be meeting with county officials today to discuss a county water system/plan. More information will follow.

Frazier shared with the board information regarding Animal Waste Training Workshops. There are four workshops scheduled, one of which will be held at the Randolph County Public Library on June 8, 2005. If anyone is interested in attending they should complete the registration form given.

Frazier shared a memorandum with the board from David Vogel, DENR, regarding Supervisor's Travel. The letter reads, "Because we are still operating with reduced appropriations (from 2003) we will be short again. Based on monthly expenditures for supervisor's travel I believe that funds will be depleted by the middle of May."

Parks reported that the local FAC met last week and have determined to wait the 120 days given to GSA to respond to the Federal agencies declining the office space at the Farmer's Mutual Insurance Building. The office space offered to the District in this building was not sufficient, therefore the District will not be leasing space in the Farmer's Mutual Insurance Building. Further information will follow as soon as it becomes available.

Parks reported that the District has acquired a 1999 Ford truck from Building Inspections to drive until October when the grant information for the Hybrid may be available. Frank Willis, County Manager, has allowed the District to carry over funds needed to purchase a new vehicle next fiscal year.

The following consent items were approved:

- Employee weekly logs
- May & June Calendars
- NCASWCD 2005 Program Objectives
- ENOTES – NACD (4/12/05; 4/19/05; 4/26/05)
- Conservation e-Connections
- NACD Southeast Regional Meeting Information in Louisville, Kentucky July 15-19, 2005
- NACD News & Views

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Chairman Signature

Date of Approved Minutes

The Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting will be June 13, 2005 at 7:30 a.m.
Federal Building, 241 Sunset Avenue
Asheboro, NC 27203